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RE: Transcontinental Pipeline Company's – Atlantic Sunrise Project – FERC Docket No. – CP15-138-000 -

DEP Chapter 105 Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit Applications: E58-315; E40-769; E54-360; E66-160; E36-947; E38-195; E19-311; AND E49-366

Honorable Program Managers,

This communication is a Formal Request for your agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) to DENY AS UNFAVORABLE the aforementioned Water Quality Certification (WQC) Permits for the Transcontinental Pipeline Company's Atlantic Sunrise Project.

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Upon careful consideration of the entire Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)'s filed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at FERC Docket No. – CP15-138-000; the environmental impacts levied upon the honored State of Pennsylvania and its Citizens far outweigh any benefits which the State and Public would gain. Further, there are no benefits, amenities, services, or net gains listed in the Transcontinental EIS which directly afford restitution assets to the State and its People for the permanent and irreparable negative impacts to the Pennsylvania environment.

The proposed Atlantic Sunrise Project Pipeline transects many waterways, forestlands, sensitive environmental conservation areas, and Public communities in an inordinate manner. The Route is obviously expediently beneficial to Transcontinental and the other associated parties included in this aggressive enterprise. However, the listed proposed methodologies for the institution and installation of this proposed Project lack equitable conscientious environmental protection parameter observances of proper protocol procedures to insure maximum Public Health, Welfare, Safety, and Environmental Protection as cited under Title 42 U.S.C. and Pennsylvania Environmental State Laws. The negative impact damages to wetlands; waterways; riparian buffer zones; forests; and agricultural lands will be greatly significant regarding the legacy aftermath of this proposed project.

The FERC EIS lacks specificity in strategic outcome points for the implementation of this proposed Atlantic Sunrise Project. Too many waterway crossings are designated as "trench cut" which disregards the waterway of choice for this crossing method as insignificant in consideration of post pipeline recovery outcomes. This proposed Project further compounds the environmental condition of an already environmentally impoverished geographic land mass negatively impacted by myriad environmental impacts from other previous projects involving mining; oil/gas hydrofracturing, drilling; and massive transit roadway construction across this entire State. Environmental Mitigation cannot be considered as a negotiable form of compensation in this case; as there are inadequate open spaces left in this Region to restore any wholesale measure of environmental recovery balance.

This proposed project must not be allowed to proceed as prescribed in the FERC EIS. This proposed Action will compound the losses for an already severely impacted environment. Water Quality Issues from this proposed Transcontinental, et al., Project will decisively denigrate the State's already impaired water supply. This should not be allowed to happen.

Therefore, submitted on behalf of the good People of the honored State of Pennsylvania; the LNG Opposition Team of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia respectfully, adamantly, and resolutely beseech the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to DENY AS UNFAVORABLE all Water Quality Certification Permits requested by Transcontinental Pipeline Company's Atlantic Sunrise Project based on the overwhelming evidence of negative environmental issues presented in the FERC EIS Record of Decision Documents. As ever in service, I am,

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